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Victory Bond Sales Are Still Mounting

Local Merchants Now Ready For Yuletide Season

Hundreds Of Gifts Featured; Everyone Invited To Shop In Sparta

Hundreds of people are expected to shop here Friday and Saturday when the Christmas shopping season for Sparta and Alleghany will be officially opened. An unusually large assortment of practical as well as special gift merchandise is now on sale here and the store windows as well as the attractive interior displays reflect the gay spirit of Christmas.

While the selection of gift merchandise is varied, merchants point out that many items cannot be replaced and urge everyone to shop early while stocks are complete.

Today, The Alleghany News issues its annual Christmas shopping edition officially ushering in the Christmas shopping season here. Throughout this paper will be found hundreds of advertised values which are proof that Sparta is the place to shop.

Nation-wide surveys show that this year, more than ever, people are turning to practical gifts.

Army Recruiter Is Coming Here

Will Be Here To Seek Enlistments Next Monday; Cites Regulations

The U. S. Army recruiter will be in Sparta next Monday, December 3, from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. Men between the ages of 17 through 34, who are interested in the regular army, are urged to contact him in the post office building then.

Men enlisting for the three year "hitch" now have their pick of the branch of service and the overseas theater that they want. There is also an eighteen months and two-year period of enlistment.

It was also pointed out that men who have been discharged from the service only have twenty days to re-enlist to receive full benefits that the army offers. The recruiting station in Lenoir is located in the post office building and is open six days a week, from 8 a. m. and 5 p. m., it was explained.

Former Sparta Man Dies In W. Va.

News has been received here of the death of M. W. Joines, 78, of Princeton, W. Va., last Wednesday, November 21, at his home there.

The aged man, a former resident of Alleghany county, was the son of the late Mollie and David Joines. He spent his early manhood here and was employed in Sparta for a number of years. Surviving are two daughters and one son and a brother, John L. Joines, of Sparta.

Former County Woman Dies Wed.

News has been received here of the death of Mrs. Ella Wagoner Shepherd at her home at Hayesville, Pa., last Wednesday, November 21.

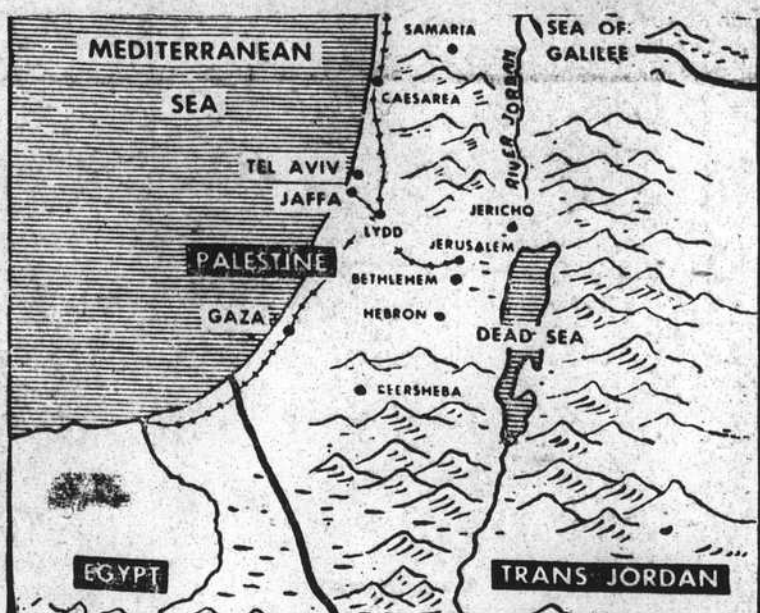
The daughter of Monroe and Sarah Ann Wagoner, she was born and reared in Sparta. She taught in the Alleghany schools and was later married to Everett F. Shepherd, moving to Forest Hill, Md., in 1927.

Funeral service was conducted in her late home on Sunday afternoon with interment in the Oxford cemetery.

Surviving in addition to her husband are two sons, Thomas Shepherd and E. Claude Shepherd and two granddaughters, all of Oxford.

She is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Agnes Edwards, of Miami, Fla., and three brothers, Hilary Wagoner, of Portland, Oregon; Amos Wagoner, of Sparta; and Finis Wagoner, of Shelby.

Problem Spot Of The Middle East



Here is an all-purpose map of the Palestine area, now the problem spot of the Middle East. Jewish Palestine has launched a resistance movement against the British policy of keeping down immigration of homeless European Jews.

AAA Committeemen Will Be Elected For County On Friday

Voting Places Are Announced; Farmers Are Urged To Participate

Alleghany farmers as well as others throughout the state will go to their respective voting places on Friday to cast their ballots for the AAA committeemen for the coming year.

It was pointed out that nominating meetings will be held at 9:00 a. m. Friday morning and that voting will begin immediately afterwards. The ballot box will remain open until 5:00 p. m. Members of the community AAA committee and delegates to elect members of the county committee will be elected at these meetings.

All owners, operators, tenants or sharecroppers on a farm on which AAA payments, whether in the form of cash, services or conservation materials, have been or may be made under the 1945 AAA (Continued on Page 8)

Honor Roll Given For Pine Swamp

Mrs. Clay Thompson, principal, and Mrs. J. B. Reed have announced the honor roll for Pine Swamp school for the past two months' period.

Students listed are: First grade: Avalee Andrews, Frances Atwood and Mary Lee Wyatt; Second grade: Wayne Crouse and Edward Joines; Third grade: Carol Joines and Ralph Vaughn; Fourth grade: Keith Brown, Bobby Joines and Mattie Caudill; Fifth grade: Bertice Pruitt and Carlton Wagoner; Sixth grade: Gertrude Joines, Agnes Estep, Lou Reid Waddell and Mable Caudill; and Seventh grade: Myrtle Evans and Ruby Jean Wyatt.

To Speak On Mission Rally Program



Among the speakers for the Foreign Mission Rally to be held at Glade Valley, Wednesday, are: Dr. William Rule, left, and the Rev. John Vinson, right.

Local Red Cross Chapter Will Be Saluted Tuesday

Special Radio Broadcast Will Call Attention To Excellent Work Of County Chapter

The Alleghany County Chapter American Red Cross, will be saluted Tuesday evening, Dec. 4, at 1:15 p. m., in the first of a series of five broadcasts on the role played by North Carolina chapters in the Red Cross program at home and overseas.

This honor will be rendered to the Alleghany Chapter in recognition of its outstanding work in Claims. The salute to the Alleghany Chapter will come at the end of an interview on Red Cross services to veterans, in which two other chapters will also be cited.

In referring to the forthcoming broadcast, Mr. Isom Wagoner, county chairman, emphasized the need of greater numbers of workers in the chapters to carry on the ever-expanding services to veterans.

"Every day more of our men are out of uniform and coming back home," said Mr. Wagoner, "and it is the pleasure and privilege of the Red Cross to help them." (Continued on Page Four)

Teachers Shown Art Exhibit Here At Meeting Thurs.

Plans Made To Broaden Study Of Art In Schools; Painting Demonstrated

The county-wide teachers' meeting held in the library of Sparta high school last Thursday night proved to be an outstanding affair with exhibits from the various schools throughout the county showing unlimited talent among Alleghany students.

In the absence of Joe Bill Reed, NCEA president, Roy Ellison, vice-president, presided over the meeting. During the business meeting.

Following the business meeting, the high school and elementary groups held separate meetings with the high school group discussing and making plans for correlating English with all other high school subjects. Plans were made to place more emphasis on correct oral speech.

The elementary group, headed by Mrs. A. V. Choate as chairman, composed of 45 teachers, man and composed of 45 teachers, study of art to improve teaching throughout the county and each teacher had been asked to bring to the meeting samples of the work being carried on in the various schools which would be suitable for Thanksgiving and Christmas, both in the school and in the home.

The two home economic teachers decorated tables appropriately (Continued on Page Four)

NEWS GIVING FREE THEATER TICKETS

Again The Alleghany News is conducting its annual Christmas gift plan when dozens of tickets to the Spartan Theater are to be given away absolutely free.

In practically all of the advertisements except those of national products in The News today will be found the names of Alleghany people. Read all of the advertisements carefully and when you discover your name bring the advertisement in which it appears, into the office of The News and you will be given a ticket to the Spartan Theater.

The names printed in the advertisements were chosen impartially from the post offices on the mailing list of The News. The tickets must be called for and used by December 15.

Read all of the advertisements, it may mean a free ticket for you, as well as the solution to your shopping problems.

Twin Brothers Serve In Navy



Twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Edwards, of Whitehead, Chief Petty Officer Lonnie Lee, left, and Charlie Dale, Seaman 1-C, right, are both serving in Uncle Sam's Navy. Lonnie Lee, who has been in the Pacific area for the past 16 months on LST boat, is now on Okinawa. Charlie Dale volunteered for the naval air corps in February and was recently transferred to Jacksonville, Fla., for gunnery school.



County Is One Of State's First To Surpass Quota

Public Continuing To Buy Bonds For Christmas Gifts

Running a close second, if not first, in the Victory Loan drive in North Carolina, Alleghany county this week reported "E" bond sales amounting to \$54,037.50 on the quota of \$52,000.00. Drive Chairman S. R. Nichols reported late yesterday.

With the possible exception of Polk county, which to date has been first according to reports from the State Office on "E" bond sales during this drive, Alleghany county is the first county in the state to meet and exceed the assigned quota.

Chairman Nichols reported that the overall sales now stand at \$82,037.50 against the quota of \$80,000.00.

It was pointed out that bonds are continuing to be bought every day and with the Christmas season approaching, sales are increasing. The total is expected to swell considerably within the next two or three weeks.

"Bonds make ideal Christmas gifts, and with the security of the future in mind, we ought to buy more than ever before," Chairman Nichols said.

Cpl. Walter L. Bell Is Home After Over 3 Years In Jap Prison

Three Whitaker Brothers Held On Robbery Charge

Under \$5,000.00 Bonds In Virginia; Also Charged With Attempted Murder

Paul, Ed and Charles, three Whitaker brothers, of Sparta, are being held in the Carrol county jail in Hillsville, Va., under a \$5,000.00 bond each, on charges of highway robbery, local officers announced this week.

The three brothers, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Eck Whitaker, of Sparta, are also confronted with charges of attempted murder in North Carolina after they fired at Gene Carpenter, shooting away (Continued on Page 4)

Suffers Broken Arms When Tortured For Stealing Food; On "Death March"

In an easy unfaltering voice, Cpl. Walter L. Bell, 25, here of Bataan, this week, quietly told of his three and a half years internment in a Japanese prison camp, as though it had been so many years of normal living.

The young soldier, Alleghany's only prisoner of war of the Japanese, returned home last Wednesday for his first visit to Sparta in the past six years since he joined the regular army at Baltimore, Md., in 1939.

Cpl. Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hardin Bell, of Whitehead, captured at Bataan, was a member of a chemical warfare company, special troops, Philippine division. He was wounded twice, once in the leg and once in the hand only a few days before his capture (Continued on Page 4)

Accident Fatal To Paul Smith

Husband Of Sparta Girl Is Killed In New York When Struck By Truck

Cpl. Paul A. Smith, 23, husband of Lucille Joines Smith, of Sparta, was fatally injured when struck by a truck in Staten Island, New York, on November 14, it was learned here this week.

Cpl. Smith, driver of the lead vehicle in a convoy of 27 army weapon carriers, was struck by the second vehicle as he stood in the roadway beside his own overturned truck, after sliding on a slippery hill. He died within half an hour.

A member of the 158th Post Company at Brooklyn Army Base, Cpl. Smith was slated for discharge within two weeks, it was disclosed.

According to army officials, the convoy was going from the Brooklyn Army Base to Carteret, New Jersey. Smith was far in the lead of other vehicles and while going down hill his truck skidded, swung around and overturned against a pole. Dazed, but apparently unhurt, Smith got out of the overturned vehicle and was standing beside it when the second truck operated by his buddy, came in view. Noticing Smith's plight, Pfc. Shaver applied his brakes, but his truck likewise skidded and swung around, hitting Smith. The three-quarter ton truck rolled over Smith and came to a stop against the first overturned vehicle.

Funeral service for Cpl. Smith was held at Etzweiler Funeral home in York, Pa., on Monday, November 19, at 8:30 a. m. Requiem High Mass was celebrated at 9:00 a. m. in St. Joseph's Catholic church. The pallbearers were members of York Post 127 of the American Legion. The firing squad was composed of eleven (Continued on Page 4)

Burley Sales To Open Mon., Dec. 3

Tobacco growers of this section have been busy getting their crop ready for market and many of them have already placed theirs in warehouses to be ready when the sales open on Monday, December 3.

The majority of growers in this section sell on the Boodle market and according to announcement by officials there, everything is in readiness for the opening of sales Monday morning.

Chester Bowles, price administrator, has announced that ceilings have been continued on the same level as of the 1944 crop.

Alleghany Men Bag Three Deer

Three deer were bagged by Alleghany sportsmen at the Pisgah National Forest near Asheville last week bringing the total killed by hunters from this county this season up to five.

Robert Nichols killed a 145 pound 8 point buck; June Tompkins, a 150 pound 9 point buck and Chap Edwards, a 120 pound 6 point buck. Others in the party of five were Cleve Nichols and Howard Hoppers.

Included in the first group of Alleghany sportsmen to hunt at Pisgah this year were: Dr. C. A. Thompson, and Amos Wagoner, who killed one deer each; and R. E. Black and Roy Crouse.

Missionaries Will Speak On Program At Glade Valley

A foreign mission rally will be held at Glade Valley high school auditorium on Tuesday, December 4, at 4:30 p. m. and 7:30 p. m., when four foreign missionaries, one of whom was a prisoner of war of the Japanese government, will speak. Supt. E. B. Eldridge, announced this week.

An interesting program has been planned and the public is cordially invited to attend. It was pointed out that the missionaries will also speak at Sparta high school on Wednesday morning, November 5 at 9:15 during the chapel hour.

Appearing with Candidate Secretary Richard T. Gillespie, of Nashville, Tennessee, popular young minister known all through the South, will be young men

and women whose names are already bywords in many languages, it was announced.

Dr. William Rule, M. D., of the Congo Mission, Southern Presbyterian Church, will tell the large crowd of young people expected to attend of his experiences in the heart of Equatorial Africa and of the need for medical missionaries. Dr. Rule and one other missionary doctor were entrusted with the entire medical care of over two million people, and all during the war have been the only doctors available to staff eight hospitals. A native of Knoxville, Tenn., Dr. Rule graduated from Davidson College in 1932, U. P. Medical School in 1936, and after internship at Bryn Mawr Hospital and (Continued on Page 4)

Business Group Organized Club

A Sparta Business Woman's Club was organized here yesterday with Miss Doris Wagoner, acting welfare superintendent, as president.

Other officers and committees named were: Mrs. Mexa Phipps, vice-president; Miss Bettie Halsey, secretary and treasurer, and Miss Emoryetta Reeves, reporter. Mrs. Gene Irwin was named chairman of the entertainment committee and Miss Opal Greene and Mrs. Thelma Richardson were appointed to serve with her.

Plans are now underway for a Christmas party for returning servicemen, it was announced. The club will meet monthly.